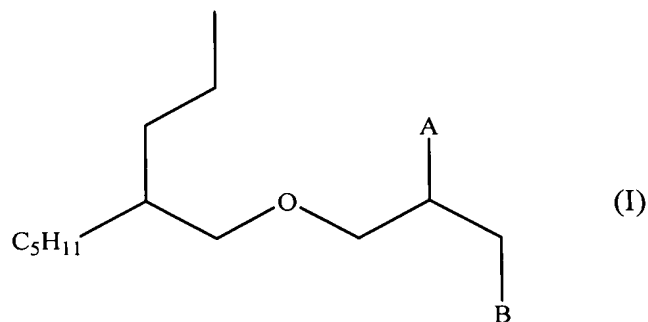


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A compound of formula I

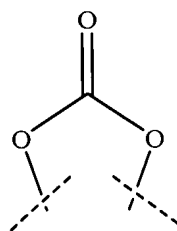


wherein

A ——— is a OH group;

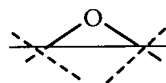
B ——— is a OH group or a halogen atom; or

A and B together represent a radical of the formula



;

~~or A and B together represent a radical of the formula~~



; wherein

C₅H₁₁ is an unbranched C₅H₁₁-alkyl radical or a branched C₅H₁₁-alkyl radical;

and wherein

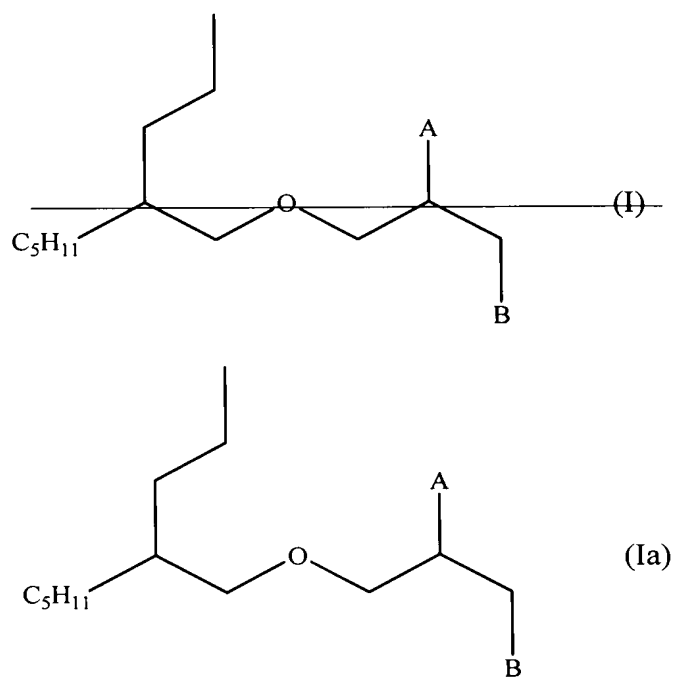


is a bond to a further atom.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A composition comprising at least two compounds as claimed in claim 1, comprising 70 to 99% by weight of an unbranched $n\text{-C}_5\text{H}_{11}$ -alkyl radical and 1 to 30% by weight of a branched C_5H_{11} -alkyl radical.

Claims 3-13 (canceled):

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for producing the compound of claim 3 1 comprising reacting a compound of formula I Ia with phosgene;



wherein

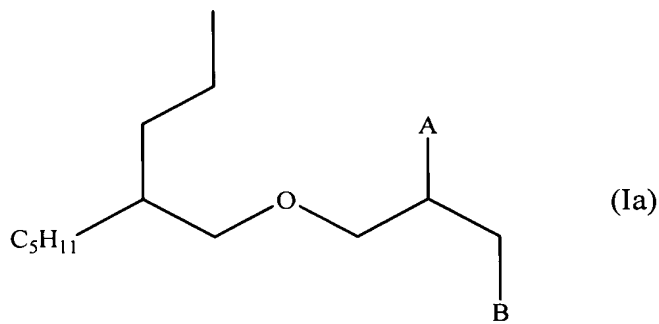
A is a OH group;

B is a OH group;

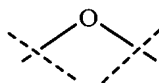
and

C_5H_{11} is an unbranched C_5H_{11} -alkyl radical or a branched C_5H_{11} -alkyl radical.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method for producing the compound of claim 3 1 comprising reacting a compound of the formula I a with CO₂ in the presence of a catalyst;



wherein A and B together represent a radical of the formula



; and wherein

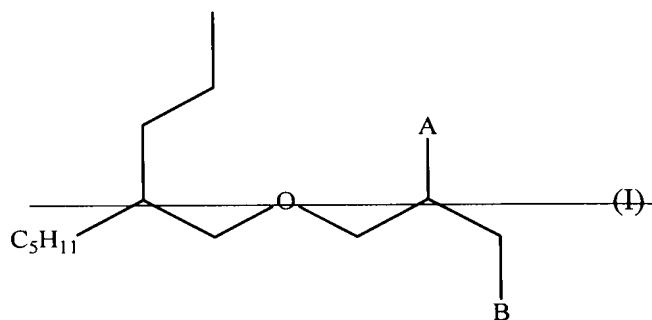


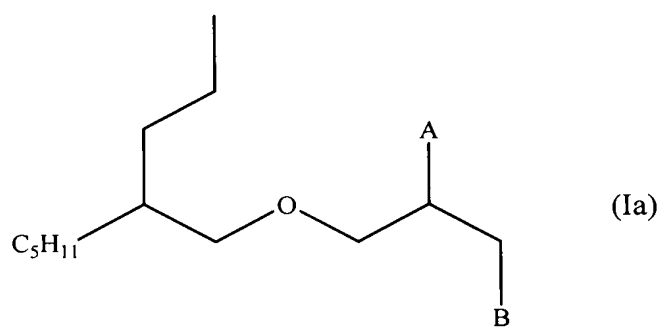
is a bond to a further atom.

Claims 16-17 (canceled):

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A method for producing the compound of claim 3 1, comprising ~~at least two of~~ the following steps:

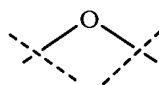
a) reacting 2-propylheptanol with 1-halo-2,3-epoxypropane to form a compound of formula I a





; wherein A is a OH group and B is a halogen atom;

b) reacting the compound formed in step a with a base to form a compound of formula I Ia; wherein A and B together represent a radical of the formula



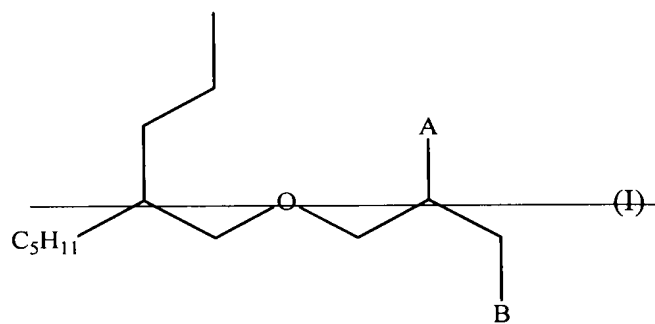
; wherein

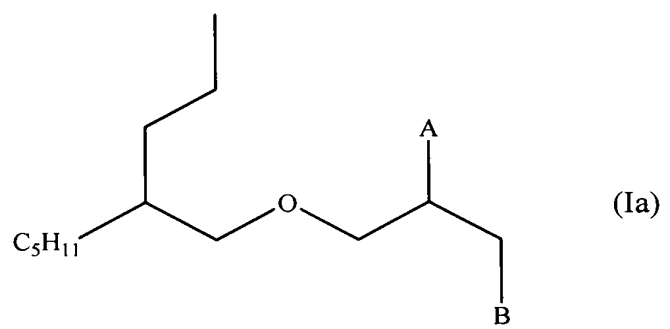


is a bond to a further atom;

c) hydrolyzing the compound formed in step b to form a compound of formula I

Ia





; wherein

A is a OH group;

B is a OH group;

and wherein

C₅H₁₁ is an unbranched C₅H₁₁-alkyl radical or branched C₅H₁₁ -alkyl radical;

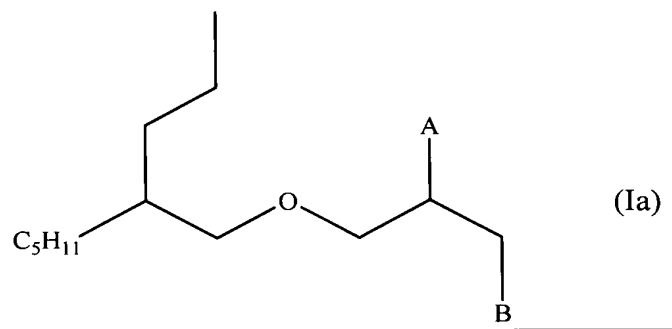
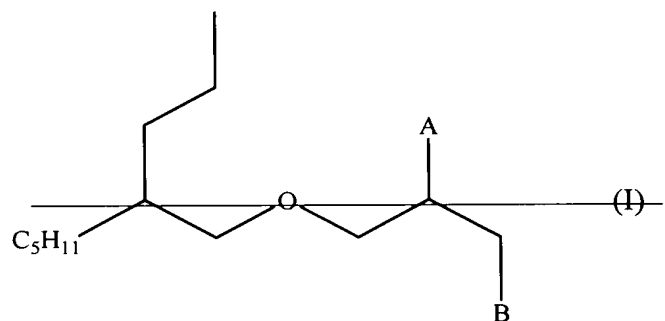
d) reacting the compound formed in step d c with phosgene to form the compound of claim 3 1;

or

e) reacting the compound formed in step b with CO₂ in the presence of a catalyst to form the compound of claim 3 1.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method for producing the compound of claim 3 1, comprising:

- a) reacting 2-propylheptanol with 1-hydroxy-2,3-epoxypropane (glycidol) to form a compound of formula I Ia



; wherein

A is a OH group;

B is a OH group;

and wherein

C₅H₁₁ is an unbranched C₅H₁₁-alkyl radical or a branched C₅H₁₁-alkyl radical;

b) reacting the compound formed in step a with phosgene, to form the compound of claim 3.

Claims 20-22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A composition comprising the compound of claim 3 and at least one other detergent ingredient, body cleansing ingredient, or bodycare ingredient.

Claims 24-32 (canceled)